

SMILIN' THROUGH TO BE XMAS BILL AT AMUZU THEATRE

The sweet, almost exotic beauty of Norma Talmadge has in the splendid play, "Smilin' Through," at the Amuzu, a very fitting frame.

Love and the perpetuation of love is the double theme.

"Years have not seen, time shall not see

The hour that tears my soul from thee."

Moonyen died in her husband's arms, newly wedded. John Carteret never forgot. It was a Wayne who had shot Moonyen, and it was against the Waynes that John's hatred was directed.

Moonyen's little niece, Kathleen, grew up under John's tender watchfulness. He was greatly shocked when he learned that Kathleen loved Kenneth, the son of the Wayne who had killed the thing John loved.

Only one great fault had John Carteret: his bitter opposition to the lovers. Dr. Owen, his lifelong friend, found it a door to hidden furies when he sought to plead Kathleen's cause.

Subsequently Kenneth went off to war. Kathleen waited four ageless years. He returned somewhat broken in body and a little broken in spirit. He felt himself too poor to marry Kathleen.

The girl, with the spontaneity of youth, considered her uncle, John, to blame. She told him that she'd leave his house. He was very old, which, perhaps, accounted for his tears and his sudden breaking under the strain.

But, then, who does not know the story of "Smilin' Through?" Jane Cowl taught the world its beauty through the medium of the stage. Norma Talmadge is carrying on through the broader medium of the screen.

I cannot very well deal in superlatives. Just to say that I earnestly look forward to a general evolution of the screen drama to the height of such drama as "Smilin' Through" rather more expresses my feelings. "Smilin' Through" is beautifully and faithfully done. It is the kind of thing that the world is better for having known.—At Amuzu Theatre December 25th and 26th.—adv.

The Christmas Shopper



The Word "Xmas"

THE use of "Xmas" to denote Christmas, refuses to die out, although every sort of attack has been made upon it. Newspapers, church societies and dictionaries condemn it, but the makers of Christmas cards and

seals go right ahead. It began back in the days of the catacombs when the Greek letter "X" was used to designate the word Christ, it being the initial letter in the Greek spelling of the name.

The usage of the abbreviation became more and more popular in England years afterward when spelling was not the strong point of the average citizen, and "Xmas" was much easier to remember than the word of more letters.

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